

HB0234/822613/1

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 234
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “intentionally or recklessly”; in line 7, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 8, after “sentencing;” insert “providing for the application of this Act;”; and after line 9, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-603

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 22, insert:

“10-603.

Sections 10-601 through 10-608 AND 10-626 of this subtitle do not apply to:

(1) customary and normal veterinary and agricultural husbandry practices including dehorning, castration, tail docking, and limit feeding;

(2) research conducted in accordance with protocols approved by an animal care and use committee, as required under the federal Animal Welfare Act or the federal Health Research Extension Act;

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(3) an activity that may cause unavoidable physical pain to an animal, including food processing, pest elimination, animal training, and hunting, if the person performing the activity uses the most humane method reasonably available; or

(4) normal human activities in which the infliction of pain to an animal is purely incidental and unavoidable.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 3, strike “**INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY**” and substitute “**WILLFULLY AND MALICIOUSLY**”; strike beginning with “**BY**” in line 12 down through “**HANDLER**” in line 14; in line 15, after “**VIOLATES**” insert “**SUBSECTION (B)(1) OR (2) OF**”; in line 17, strike “**5**” and substitute “**2**”; in the same line, strike “**\$5,000**” and substitute “**\$2,500**”; after line 17, insert:

“(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B)(3) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.”;

in line 18, strike “**(2)**” and substitute “**(3)**”; and in the same line, strike “**SHALL**” and substitute “**MAY**”.